

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1109

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A RESOLUTION designating April 2008 "Ida K. Martin Month" in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Ida K. Martin, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, an illustrious member of the Alpha Delta Omega honor society, Ms. Martin has unswervingly endeavored to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in all her efforts; and

WHEREAS, first initiated in 1949 in the Alpha Psi Chapter at Tennessee State University, Ida Martin transferred to Alpha Delta Omega in 1951; since that date, she has served variously in the local offices of Basileus, Grammateus, Pilot, Parliamentarian, Graduate Advisor to Vanderbilt University's Eta Beta Chapter, and Board Member and Secretary of the Organizing Committee for the Alpha Delta Omega Foundation; and

WHEREAS, at the regional level, Ms. Martin has fulfilled the roles of South Eastern Region Coordinator and President of the Graduate Advisors Council, while serving as a member of the National Membership and Reactivation Committee and Chairman of the Recommendations Committee at the national level; and

WHEREAS, she has further served as Chairman and Workshop Leader for a multiplicity of local, regional, and national committees; and

WHEREAS, while Basileus from 1970 to 1973, Ida Martin oversaw many noteworthy events and accomplishments, including the Alpha Delta Omega Chapter's hosting of the South Eastern Regional Conference in 1972 and the chapter's sponsorship and chartering of the Eta

Beta Chapter at Vanderbilt University; she also assisted in the chartering of the Kappa Lambda Omega Chapter at Meharry Medical College and the Eta Psi Chapter at Middle Tennessee State University and developed and published the region's Procedures Guide for Area Cluster Meetings; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her sterling service while Basileus, Ms. Martin won Basileus of the Year in both 1972 and 1973; and

WHEREAS, she also became a Golden Soror in 1999 and is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many achievements and noteworthy accomplishments with Alpha Delta Omega, Ida Martin devoted her career to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Ms. Martin earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State University before earning a master's degree and an education specialist degree from the George Peabody College at Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-nine years, Ida Martin worked assiduously to motivate students in the Metropolitan Public Schools System to reach their full potential, as she served as a classroom teacher, a state reading teacher, a Title I reading and math teacher, and a federal projects facilitator and director; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we honor the accomplishments of this remarkable public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this Body hereby designates April 2008, as "Ida K. Martin Month" in the State of Tennessee as a tribute to this laudable community leader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.